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Road widening delayed a year

Bayers Road. City committee accepts project budget that delays start of design work until 2016

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The city's latest project budget includes a plan to defer a controversial road-widening plan on the peninsula for another year.

About \$3.7 million for the Bayers Road expansion has been moved out of the 2015-16 budget to 2016-17, though a \$240,000 transit study slated for 2013-14 will move ahead.

Jane Fraser, director of planning and infrastructure, presented the 2013-14 project and capital budget to the city's audit and finance committee Wednesday morning.

She said governance, not opposition, is behind the

delay.

"The Bayers Road widening project is part of the regional plan review, so it's part of the transportation functional plan, and that plan hasn't been approved by council as of yet," she said.

The deferral sparked heated reaction from regional councillors.

Coun. Tim Outhit said the widening shouldn't proceed until other options for transportation on the peninsula have been explored.

"We have empty rails, we have empty Arm and we have empty Basin, and I just hope we'll keep looking at those options as well," he said.

Most area residents and the district councillor, Jennifer Watts, are opposed to

the proposed widening.

But some councillors pointed out the changes won't just affect the immediate area.

"If we're going to stifle traffic getting on and off the peninsula, we're going to have more and more businesses leave the peninsula for places like Bayers Lake," said Coun. Russell Walker.

Coun. Linda Mosher suggested ditching the project altogether, and re-allocating the money to widening Herring Cove Road instead.

"The Herring Cove Road is in the capital plan.... I support that project and so do residents," she said. "So why would we do something that residents don't want and it doesn't make good planning sense?"

Prioritizing

"I don't see the need to disrupt entire communities and widen the road so that people coming from out of town can get to work faster."

Coun. Linda Mosher

QMJHL PLAYOFFS

GUESS WHAT? HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS THE FAVOURITES AGAIN. BUT THE CLUB'S GENERAL MANAGER IS TAKING NOTHING FOR GRANTED AS CLUB GEARS UP FOR ROUYN-NORANDA

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RITA REMEMBERED

Rita MacNeil holds her ECMA lifetime-achievement award in 2005. The singer-songwriter from Cape Breton whose powerful voice explored country, folk and gospel, died Tuesday night following complications from surgery. She was 68. Story, page 4. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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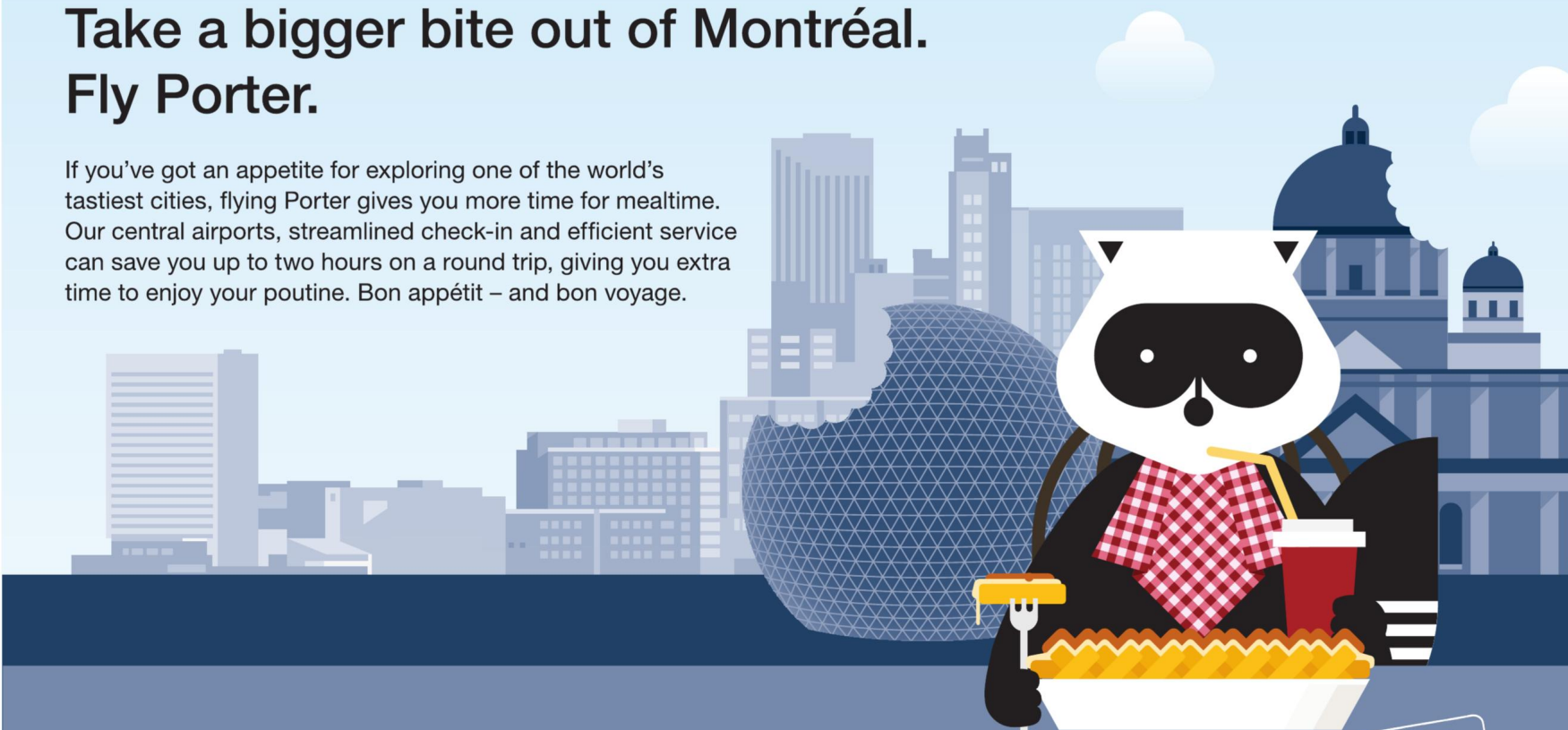
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Concerning calls

Bomb threat at Halifax Shipyard

Police are looking for someone who may have called in a bomb threat to the Halifax Shipyards Wednesday morning.

Const. Pierre Bourdages of the Halifax Regional Police said they received the threat around 10:50 a.m. Police later said they traced the phone call to a pay phone in the area of North and Windsor streets.

Officers in the area saw a thin man in his 20s at the phone. The suspect was wearing a black hoodie, grey shorts, white sneakers, a black hat and a backpack.

At about 2 p.m., the area was considered clear according to a statement from the Irving Shipyard. Police also investigated a bomb threat to the shipyards on March 19, but Bourdages said that turned out to be false. "It's concerning when we have these kinds of calls, even if they're real or not," he said. **METRO**

'Halifax Loves Boston'

Condolences for Boston bombings

A book of condolences has been placed in Halifax City Hall for HRM residents to express their sympathies to those affected by Monday's bombings at the Boston Marathon.

A Facebook page called Halifax Loves Boston has also been set up for HRM citizens to show their support by sharing memories, photos and heartfelt messages. Once people have had a chance to share their sympathy, the Facebook posts and the book of condolences will be sent to the people of Boston. **METRO**



A more affordable option with a better view

An osprey carefully constructs its nest near Caldwell Road in Dartmouth on Wednesday. The fish-eating bird of prey makes its home near the water.

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Cut water dividend, councillors suggest

Rate hike? Water commission will hand over more than \$4.6M to HRM in 2013-14



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Recent concern over the Halifax Regional Water Commission's rate-hike application has some regional councillors questioning whether HRM should keep taking a dividend from the utility.

During an overview of the city's consolidated entities on

Quoted

"In theory we could, at some point in the future, if we wanted to, not take a dividend in order to help our ratepayers."

Coun. Tim Outhit

Wednesday, CFO Greg Keefe mentioned the water commission pays 1.56 per cent of the net value of its assets to HRM every year. The dividend will grow from \$3.9 million in 2012-13 to \$4.6 million this year.

The Utility and Review

Board heard the water commission's application Monday to raise wastewater and stormwater rates by an average of about 28 per cent for a typical residential user.

Councillors Tim Outhit and Wayne Mason both suggested exploring not taking the dividend anymore, in hopes that it might mitigate future increases.

"Pulling a rate dividend from that, especially when it appears we've got maybe three or four decades of not maintaining the system to the level that we all wish now that it had been maintained, I'm not confident that that's something we should be doing," said Mason.

Keefe said the dividend is not legislated, and could likely be easily returned to Halifax Water without causing undue pressure for HRM — though he pointed out the value of the dividend will continue to rise as the utility adds assets.

Coun. Russell Walker said the dividend should be eliminated because the water commission is operating at a deficit — and because it's only fair.

"It's paid into the general revenue, so it benefits all of HRM where only (water customers) pay it," he said. "So I've always argued that maybe it should go back to those residents that actually pay it."

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'We've lost one of our greatest' in Rita MacNeil

Legend. East Coast music community in mourning after singer's death

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Heather Gibson calls Rita MacNeil a treasure and someone who will be sorely missed.

The chair of the East Coast Music Association was speaking Wednesday about the death of MacNeil, a Nova Scotia singer-songwriter who Gibson referred to as a pioneer for bringing Cape Breton music into the international spotlight.

"Rita MacNeil was the pride of Cape Breton and loved by the world," she said.

The nation was mourning Wednesday after news broke of MacNeil's death. She died Tuesday night after complications from surgery. She was 68.

MacNeil grew up in Big Pond, about 30 minutes outside of Sydney. She got her big break in music in 1987 with her platinum album *Flying On Your Own*.

In her last public performance at the East Coast Music Awards last month in Halifax, MacNeil was presented with the 25th Anniversary Award as recogni-

tion of her impact on the community and the East Coast music scene.

She was a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Nova Scotia, a three-time Juno winner, and recipient of numerous other Canadian music awards, including ECMAs.

Friends, fans and fellow musicians took to social media Wednesday to express their grief and condolences.

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of a dear sweet woman and a gifted singer-songwriter who represented women and her beloved Nova Scotia so eloquently in her songs," wrote singer Anne Murray in a Facebook post.

In a statement, Premier Darrell Dexter said MacNeil's words "will echo in the hearts of Nova Scotians all over the world for years to come."

Scott Long, executive director of Music Nova Scotia, says the last few months have been tough for the East Coast music community.

"We've lost a lot of people this year, and losing Rita, we've lost one of our greatest," he said.

Long adds MacNeil broke ground for the onslaught of East Coast music in the early 1990s.

"I think she was single-handedly responsible for the success we see today."



Rita MacNeil speaks after receiving a lifetime achievement award at the East Coast Music Awards in 2005 in Sydney. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Quoted

"She was a pioneer for the common person, for women, for Cape Breton artists, and for just being yourself and following your path in life."

The Barra MacNeils' Stewart MacNeil

The people speak

We asked people on social media to name their favourite Rita MacNeil song. Here is a selection of the responses we received.

Via Twitter:

@CDBoudreau: She's Called Nova Scotia

@DonnaGillis: Fast Train to Tokyo

Via Facebook:

Florence Bonn-Landry: It was *Flying On Your Own*. This song became my Mom's theme song after my Dad passed away

and it remains of the inner strength we all have.

Kelli Gordon-Skinner: This transplanted Caper loves 'Home I'll Be'... always a special one!

Darrell Lesnick: Working Man – often sing it on the drive in to work

Lynn Jones: I cant choose between Working Man and She's called Nova Scotia



Stephen Harper

THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Prominent figures react to loss

Politicians, musicians and actors took to Twitter on Wednesday to mourn the loss of Rita MacNeil. Here's a sample of their responses:

@pmharper

"Saddened to hear about the passing of one of Cape

Breton and Canada's finest voices, Rita MacNeil."

@JustinTrudeau

"Sad to hear of Rita MacNeil's passing. She was a beautiful and memorable voice for Cape Breton and all Canadians. #nspoli"

@jplaskett

"Sad to hear the news about Rita MacNeil. Rest in peace."

@MSmithBubbles

"Very sad to hear about the passing of Nova Scotia's First Lady of song and TPB alumna Rita MacNeil."

@ElizabethMay

Such sad news. Our gifted and beautiful Rita MacNeil died, at only 68. Condolences to Wade and all her family.

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"Rest in peace to a Maritime

legend Rita MacNeil"

@MinPeterMacKay

Fond farewell to Rita MacNeil, a sweet voice and a lovely woman who touched millions of lives through her song #cdnmusic

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Main Street in Dartmouth on Wednesday. The Business Improvement District has started a petition for better bus service and is surveying people on what changes they'd like to see. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Main Street bus needed in Dartmouth: Business association

New route. Creation would save time, showcase businesses, executive director says



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The wheels on the bus go round and round — but not all the way down Main Street in Dartmouth, and one business association is hoping to change that.

Graziella Grbac, executive director for the Main Street Dartmouth Business Improvement District, hopes to bring people from Cherry Brook, Sunset Acres and further communities into Main Street to take advantage of the shopping and cut out 40 minutes of

driving time around residential areas.

"To get to Mic Mac Mall, to the college, or to any of our businesses in our business district they're routed to Cole Harbour and Portland Street first," Grbac said.

"They just can zip down Main Street... It's the only main street in HRM without a bus."

Although a few buses cross over Main Street, Grbac said with no stops all along the way commuters might not realize what the district has to offer.

She said Main Street has one of the biggest health districts, and people from outer communities can't access them without going to Cole Harbour first.

"It's beyond me why these people aren't screaming about this," Grbac said.

The Business Improvement

Quoted

"Let's find out ... what the bus user really needs and then we'll take that and run with it."

Coun. Darren Fisher

District has started a petition for better bus service that had 171 signatures by Wednesday afternoon, and Grbac said she has begun surveying people on what changes they want to see.

"I need to go to the bus terminals and talk to people. I want to build up those numbers before I go back to HRM," Grbac said.

Coun. Darren Fisher said bringing more people into the area would "greatly impact" businesses, and is looking forward to the results of Grbac's survey.

Seaport Farmers' Market seeks public input

How could the Seaport Farmers' Market have the biggest impact on your life?

That's the burning question in the Make It Your Market campaign.

"The most important part of the slogan is the 'Your,'" says Julie Chaisson, executive director of the Seaport Farmers' Mar-

ket. "In order to create a great public space, it's important for people to own it."

The Seaport Farmers' Market is holding a public-engagement session Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m. to source ideas on how to make the space as vibrant and sustainable as possible. A second discussion will

be held on May 22.

Chaisson expects around 200 people to attend.

"The more the merrier," she says. "The more people we have, the more voices we have."

And the more voices they have, the more ideas for change they have.

Chaisson says the market has already started making alterations based on customer feedback, including the removal of the central staircase to increase the flow of foot traffic.

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Your voice matters

"We want what's important to them."

Julie Chaisson, executive director of the Seaport Farmers' Market

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Lucas Cleary, 8, left, and his schoolmate Riley Dunphy, 7, skate around the Shannon Park Arena during a press conference on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

A helmet required: Saving noggins top of mind

Safety push. Health and wellness minister encouraging ice rinks to have helmet policies

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Lucas Cleary donned skates for the first time on Wednesday at Shannon Park Arena in Dartmouth. The eight-year-old was wearing a helmet, too.

"It's a little tight right here," he said, pointing to his

temple.

So far, 13 arenas in the province, including Shannon Park, have voluntarily adopted mandatory helmet policies. Health and Wellness Minister David Wilson was on hand at the arena as Canadian Tire donated \$5,000 in gift certificates to the first 10 arenas that introduced helmet policies.

Lucas says he feels safer wearing a helmet and is gungho on coming back to the rink. "I have fallen down a couple times, but I'm used to it."

In January 2010, Memorial Arena at Dalhousie University,

Initial cost for serious injury

\$600K

Health and Wellness Minister David Wilson says the initial cost to the health-care system for a serious head injury is \$600,000, with potentially millions of dollars in care afterward.

which has since closed, was the first to adopt a helmet policy.

At the university, skaters — regardless of age — couldn't step onto the ice without a helmet.

The helmet policy received some pushback and created a decline in teen skaters, but "somebody has to look after people," said Kathie Wheadon-Hore, Dalhousie's director of facility and business services for athletics and recreational services.

"(Head injuries) could ruin your career; you could lose a year of study.... It changes who you are," she said.

David Clark, interim head of neurosurgery at QEII, said Wednesday people are better off with a helmet on.

"(The brain) is a very delicate structure," he said.

Health authority. Twenty serious computer threats, but none breached system

There were a million threats to hospital information systems at Nova Scotia's largest health district in the last year, although a top bureaucrat says only a fraction were deemed serious.

Chris Power, president of the Capital District Health Authority, said Wednesday that none of those threats led to any data loss.

The health authority said the vast majority of those computer threats involved malware and spyware attacks that were blocked.

"Only 20 of them were serious enough for people to investigate a little bit further, but none of them breached our systems," Power said following an appearance before the legislature's public-accounts committee.

Power said the results left health officials confident in the district's ability to secure its records, although she said improvements are needed.



Chris Power
METRO FILE

In his fall report, provincial auditor general Jacques Lapointe said system weaknesses increased the risk of inappropriate

access by hospital employees and contract staff.

Power said the authority was working to reduce that potential risk to records.

Officials said there were seven investigations of internal breaches of health records last year in a district that deals with about one million patients a year.

Power wouldn't talk about specific cases, but said the investigations resulted in a range of disciplinary actions, from reprimands to workers having to leave their employment with the district. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Aid. Tourism committee to help struggling region

The Nova Scotia government is setting up a committee to help promote tourism in southwestern Nova Scotia.

Tourism Minister Percy Paris made the announcement Wednesday in Yarmouth.

Dwindling tourism has been a hot topic in the re-

gion since the province cut funding to a ferry service that once linked the province with Maine, resulting in the demise of the service in December 2009.

Paris says the new committee will include local community, tourism and business leaders. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Promise. N.S. man's letter in a bottle washes ashore in Croatia 28 years later

Social media. Twitter abuzz over story

A Canadian man's message in a bottle has washed ashore in Croatia 28 years after he penned the letter meant to fulfill a promise to a woman.

"Mary, you really are a great person. I hope we can keep in correspondence. I said I would write," the short message reads. "Your friend always. Jonathon. Nova Scotia 1985."

Kite surfer Matea Rezik discovered the note after it washed up in a bottle on the banks of the Neretva river.

Rezik told Croatian newspaper Dubrovacki Vjesnik she was helping clear a beach of debris when she spotted the plastic-coated note shoved into a bottle.

Rezik has since posted a photograph of the note on Facebook and said she'd love to get in touch with either Jonathon or Mary.

"Message in a Bottle! From

Message in a bottle

- **Questions.** Some wondered on social media how the Nova Scotian could have hoped to get his letter to Mary by surrendering it to the sea. "And how did Jonathan think Mary would get his message?" mused one person on Twitter.

Canada to the Neretva River estuary for 28 years!" she wrote alongside the photo of the message.

The discovery is sparking much speculation about the relationship between the man and the woman and what might have become of them.

"Jonathan from NS, your message in a bottle landed in Croatia, 28 years after you sent it!" said one person on Twitter.

"I hope Mary knew Jonathan thought she was so swell!" tweeted another.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Remembering Raymond

Many businesses along Gottingen Street, including The Company House, pictured, hung pride flags and photos to pay tribute on Wednesday to activist Raymond Taavel, who was killed one year ago on April 17. Taavel was beaten to death outside of the Menz Bar. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Murder charge

Hearing adjourned in Melissa Peacock murder case

Two brothers from Hants County charged with murder had a second part of a focus hearing adjourned on Wednesday.

Dustan Joseph Preeper, 24, originally from Noel and now a Halifax resident, and Joshua Michael Preeper, 20, of Kennetcook, will return on June 5 at 1:30 p.m.

The oldest Preeper man is charged with second-degree murder of Truro's Ben Hare, who was found dead outside a Lyman Street apartment on July 8, 2010.

The brothers are jointly charged with first-degree murder of 20-year-old Melissa Peacock of Dartmouth. She was reported missing in November 2011 and her remains were found on a rural property in Upper Stewiacke this past July.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

City developer dies after lengthy illness

The man behind many of Halifax's biggest developments over the past 40 years has died.

Ben McCrea, president of the Armour Group Ltd., died Tuesday night at the age of 73 after a lengthy illness.

Forty years ago, McCrea's company redesigned three blocks of ramshackle buildings on the waterfront into Historic Properties, and became a template for managing urban renewal in the city.

The Armour Group was also responsible for de-



Ben McCrea. CONTRIBUTED

veloping Founder's Square, where many historic buildings were preserved around one of Halifax's largest corporate towers.

The group's current project is the controversial Waterside Centre across from Historic Properties, where many older buildings are being gutted in preparation for a nine-storey office building inside.

McCrea was born in Salisbury, N.B., and studied civil engineering at the University of New Brunswick before receiving masters degree from the University of Illinois.

He leaves behind his wife Joanne and their four children. METRO

Not-so-warm welcome

Protesters confront Emera CEO Christopher Huskilon

Christopher Huskilon, the CEO of Emera Inc., had a less than cordial welcome from some as he spoke at a luncheon for the Pictou Country Chamber of Commerce

centre on Wednesday.

About 20 protesters mustered in front of the doors of the Wellness Centre from the Hillside Trenton Environment Watch.

Peter Boyles, a member of the group, said they were there to put pressure on Huskilon for the emissions coming out of the Trenton Generating Station, which is owned and operated by Nova Scotia Power, an Emera company.

"Our health means nothing to them," Boyles said, referring to Emera. "Everything is for the ungodly dollar."

Boyles hopes their presence at the Wellness Centre will bring attention to their cause. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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Man arrested, accused of mailing poison to president

United States on edge.

Media overwhelmed with flood of news on letters, Boston bombings

America's frayed nerves found little relief on Wednesday as news emerged of a poisoned letter addressed to U.S. President Barack Obama, while investigators endeavoured to close in on a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings.

Agents arrested Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, in Tupelo, Miss., in connection with letters sent to Obama and a Republican senator from Mississippi. They tested positive for deadly ricin in preliminary analyses.

The Mississippi Clarion-Ledger reported that Curtis is a celebrity impersonator and an avid church-goer. He lamented the lack of prayer in schools in a recent Facebook post on the Boston bombings.

Earlier in the day, officials

From the letters

"To see a wrong and not expose it, is to become a silent partner to its continuance."

A passage from the letters sent to two U.S. politicians, signed "KC, and I approve this message."

said they doubted the letters were linked to the bombings.

With Americans anxious for a break in the bombing case, information was being leaked to the media at a furious speed.

At one point mid-afternoon, The Associated Press cited one official as saying an arrest was imminent. CNN said an arrest had been made. Other officials shot down those reports.

Several news outlets said investigators had identified a suspect from a surveillance video.

CBS News reported that the bomber was on the phone when he dropped off a second bomb-filled backpack. The net-



Investigators comb the scene of one of the blast sites at the Boston Marathon. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

work reported cellphone records resulted in the suspect's identification.

But NBC reported police had a face, not a name, of someone dropping off a black bag, based

on the surveillance video.

A courthouse in Boston was evacuated amid conflicting reports that a suspect was in custody inside. The U.S. Marshals Service said it was cleared out

due to a bomb threat.

Reports of suspicious packages and envelopes were also made in two Senate office buildings.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Misinformation

Leaks rattle authorities

The FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Boston were reportedly startled by the flood of media leaks. The FBI released a statement disputing some stories, but didn't specifically say which ones except those describing an arrest in the bombing case.

"Over the past day and a half, there have been a number of press reports based on information ... that has been inaccurate," the FBI said.

"Since these stories often have unintended consequences, we ask the media ... to exercise caution and attempt to verify information through appropriate official channels."

West, Texas. Fertilizer plant explodes, causing massive damage, injuries

An explosion Wednesday at a fertilizer plant near Waco sent flames shooting high into the night sky, leaving the factory a smouldering ruin, causing major damage to nearby buildings and injuring numerous people.

There were no immediate indications that the explosion was part of an attack.

Several fires continued to burn at West Fertilizer hours after the blast. The explosion knocked out power to many customers and could be heard

and felt for miles around.

Brad Smith, who lives 70 kilometres north of West in Waxahachie, told TV station KWTX that he and his wife heard what sounded like a thunderclap.

Department of Public Safety troopers were using squad cars to transport the injured, a spokesperson said. Emergency crews were brought in from around the state.

There were no fatalities reported at press time.

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Bombing vs. drones

Iran calls outrage a double standard

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's top leader, on Wednesday condemned the bombing attack in Boston, but chided the U.S. for employing a double standard when it comes to drone attacks that kill innocent civilians.

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United Kingdom

TV channel pulls terrorist satire

A British TV channel is pulling a comedy about a group of hapless terrorists planning to attack the London Marathon from its schedule in the wake of the Boston bombings. Film4 was planning to air the movie Four Lions next Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cheery and bright student snuffed out in her prime



Lu Lingzi, a Boston University grad student and the third victim of the marathon explosions. FACEBOOK

Less than 24 hours before she died, Lu Lingzi sent an exuberant email to a professor after learning she had passed part of a major final exam.

"I am so happy to get this result!" she wrote. "Thank you very much."

Lu, 23, was killed Monday during the Boston Marathon explosions, according to a statement from Boston University (BU). She was a graduate student studying mathematics and statistics and was scheduled to receive her degree in 2015.

Lu was at the race with two friends from BU. One, Danling Zhou, was injured, had surgeries Monday and Tuesday and is in stable

condition at Boston Medical Center, the school said in a statement.

On Monday morning, Lu put the finishing touches on a group research project she was planning to present at a statistics conference.

She also posted a photo of the "wonderful breakfast" she ate the morning she died.

Lu was a vivacious chatterbox who had lots of friends on campus, said Tasso Kaper, chair of the math and statistics department.

"The word bubbly — that's kind of a corny word — but that describes her very well," Kaper said.

She was described as an exceptional student and bright young scientist at Boston University, where she had been enrolled for about a year.

Lu's closest friends in Boston did not learn that she had been killed until Tuesday evening, when they were informed by faculty members.

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Mourning in China

"I saw her grow up ... but a loud bang has changed everything."

Zhang Xinbo, Lu's former neighbour in Shenyang, in a blog post.

Attack ads? More like a Trudeau treasure trove

\$336,000 bounty. Donations pour in after mass emails urge the Liberals to fight back against Tory salvos

Conservative attack ads against Justin Trudeau have turned into a financial boon for the Liberal party.

The party raised \$336,000 in the 48 hours following Trudeau's landslide victory in the Liberal leadership race Sunday.

Officials say that's more than double the party's previous top haul for an email fundraising campaign.

And they say the donations poured in after two back-to-back mass email solicitations that urged Liberals to fight back against Conservative attacks.

The first, sent out just as Trudeau was leaving the



On the job as Liberal leader: Justin Trudeau hits his stride at his first caucus meeting in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

stage Sunday after delivering his acceptance speech, urged Liberals not to let the coming barrage of "negative and misleading attacks" drown out the new leader's "positive message of change."

The second was issued Monday evening — shortly after the Conservatives launched three TV ads featuring video from 2011 of Trudeau doing a mock strip-tease for a charity event.

The Tory ads, set to carnival music and voiced in a mocking tone, assert that the new Liberal leader has neither the experience nor judgment to be prime minister and conclude with the tag

line: "Justin Trudeau. He's in way over his head."

Trudeau has vowed to remain positive and not to respond in kind to negative attacks.

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Scourge of suicide shatters remote northern reserve

Two recent deaths among members of the Neskantaga First Nation have prompted the remote northern Ontario community to declare a state of emergency.

It wants fast help to stop the scourge of suicide.

The First Nation northeast of Thunder Bay has seen two of its members die over the past two weeks, throwing the fragile community of 300 into grief and fear for the stability of other families.

Chief Peter Moonias said that just as the community was burying the first victim — a man in his 30s — they learned of the death of a 19-year-old from Neskantaga living in Thunder Bay.

Moonias said police have yet to declare the second death a suicide, but he suspects they soon will.

A chief's pain

Chief Peter Moonias hopes for help from any level of government in putting together a long-term plan to confront serious problems with prescription drugs.

- **Emergency.** He estimates more than half the community's adults are addicted to OxyContin or other painkillers.

The problems come just a few months after another young man took his life there in December, a tragedy that prompted the community to close ranks and put its youth on suicide watch.

"One suicide, we could

have handled.... Not easily, but we could have come back," said Moonias.

But the suicides are coming so close together that almost no one in the community has been left untouched.

And now they can't cope. "Now we have nothing left. We have hardly anybody who is not affected in the community."

"The community situation ... is in a state of shock."

Federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq on Wednesday promised the community the help it needs.

"Health Canada will work closely with the community and send both additional nursing and counselling staff to assist during this difficult time," Aglukkaq said in a statement.

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Golly! Google's going hiking

Fancy a walk with your sweetie on a secluded beach? Why not just Google it? A deal between Parks Canada and Google Maps will soon allow you to do just that. The global Internet giant's staff will drive the roads and hike the paths of national parks and historic sites by the end of 2014 using special backpack-mounted cameras. Virtual visitors will be able to stop and look around ... as if they were actually there. Yes, it's a walk in the park. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Father critical

Two girls killed in pre-dawn fire

Two young girls were killed and a third was in critical condition Wednesday after a pre-dawn fire tore through their home in the Quebec paper-mill community of Thurso, southeast of Ottawa.

The names of the girls, aged three and eight, have not been released. Their father was in critical condition, along with a 12-year-old girl, police said.

Six people in all managed to escape the blaze, said Quebec provincial police Sgt. Marc Tessier.

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Seniors targeted

Long-lost kin? They'll scam you

Police in Windsor, Ont., are warning residents, particularly seniors, about con artists posing as long-lost relatives.

Elderly people have received phone calls from supposed relatives in Europe saying they are in Canada and require money for emergencies or large-ticket purchases.

Scammers appear to know personal information about their victims and may speak to them in their own language.

Police say in one case the suspects were mining information from a Facebook page.

While past scams have involved the wire transfer of money, police say scammers are now going to homes to pick up the cash.

METRO ONLINE

Senate to vote

If genetics put you at risk...

The Liberal leader in the Senate has introduced legislation that would stop insurance companies and others from discriminating against people who are genetically susceptible to some diseases.

Sen. James Cowan's bill, tabled Wednesday, aims to ensure people are not treated differently because testing shows they have higher odds of getting certain diseases.

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Iron Lady laid to rest in a grand funeral

Margaret Thatcher. Some camped in a field to be there; mourners included the Queen and reps from 170 countries

Margaret Thatcher was laid to rest Wednesday with prayers

and ceremony, plus cheers and occasional jeers, as Britain paused to remember a leader who transformed the country — for the better according to many, but in some eyes for the worse.

A sombre crowd lined the normally buzzing streets around parliament, contained behind temporary fences and police lines, waiting to see catch a glimpse of Thatcher's

coffin. The coffin was put on a gun carriage for the road to St. Paul's Cathedral.

Soaring hymns, biblical verse echoed under the dome of St. Paul's as 2,300 relatives, friends, colleagues and dignitaries attended the ceremonial funeral. Bishop of London Richard Chartres spoke of the strong feelings Thatcher still evokes. **KIERON MONKS/METRO,**

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Still controversial after all these years

Margaret Thatcher — the Iron Lady — brought major change to Britain during her 11-year tenure from 1979 to 1990, privatizing state industries, deregulating the economy, and causing upheaval whose impact is still felt. She died April 8 at

the age of 87.

- Her funeral's \$15-million cost proved controversial, and a small anti-Thatcher group turned their backs on the carriage. Others countered with flowers.



Mourners react as Margaret Thatcher's coffin passes.

CARL COURT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China

Deaths of 530 pigs and dogs investigated

Hundreds more pigs have been found dead in China — this time together with dozens of dogs.

A total of 410 pigs and 122 dogs were discovered earlier this week in central Henan province. It's suspected the deaths had to do with chemical factories that have been ordered to suspend production.

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'Name and shame'

Syria's army accused of sexual war crimes

The UN Security Council on Wednesday heard accusations that Syria's army, intelligence agency and a pro-government militia are sexual war criminals for rape and assaults on women and children, along with the al-Qaida movement in Mali.

The "name and shame" tally was in a UN report.

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Quake's painful aftermath

A nurse treats an injured girl evacuated from an earthquake-affected area at a military hospital in Quetta, Pakistan, on Wednesday. The country evacuated 16 seriously injured people after 36 were killed and thousands of Pakistanis left homeless following this week's quake.

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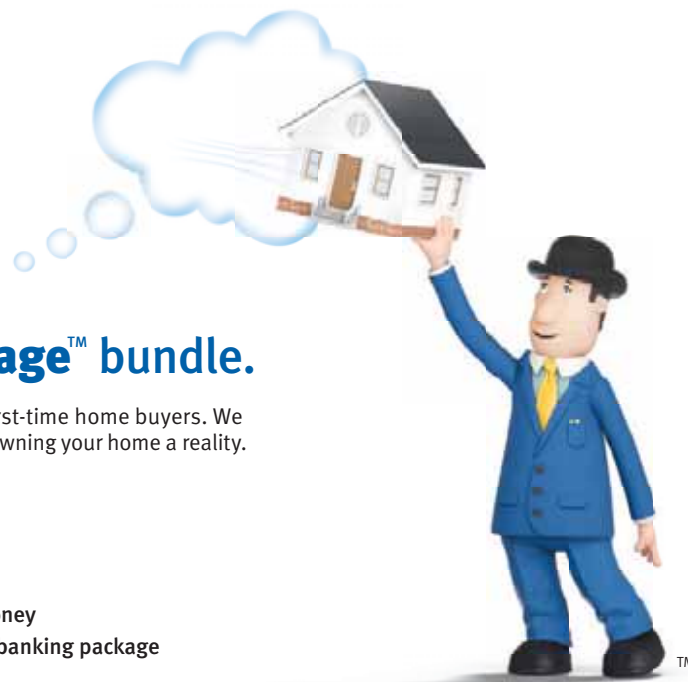
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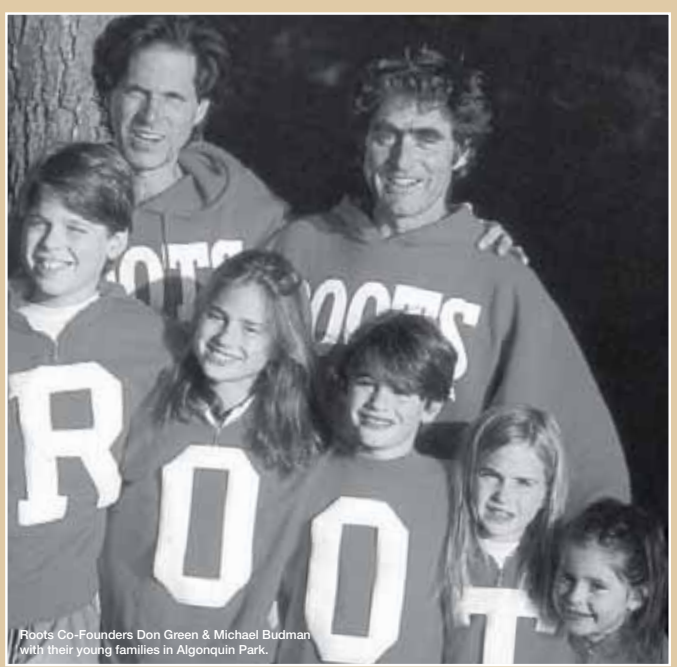
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1 in 7 Canadians aged 14-59 may have herpes virus

Sexually transmitted infections. New study of herpes simplex type 2 virus and chlamydia finds majority don't realize they are infected

Most not aware

6%

Of those who tested positive for herpes simplex 2, only six per cent were aware that they carried the virus.

As many as one in seven Canadians aged 14 to 59 may be infected with herpes simplex type 2 virus and more than 90 per cent of them may be unaware of their status, a new study suggests.

The work provides the first Canadian prevalence estimates for herpes simplex 2 and chlamydia — another sexually transmitted infection — that are based on laboratory-confirmed results. Previous esti-

mates were based on data collected from positive cases or screening of people considered to be at high risk of having the infections, a system that may not provide a true picture of the scale of infections.

The research was part of the analysis of urine and blood samples and data collected during the 2009-11 cycle of Statistics Canada's Canadian Health Measures Survey. The results, which are considered a representative sample of most Canadians in that age group,

are based on the study of blood and urine samples taken from roughly 3,250 Canadians.

The study found that less than one per cent — 0.7 per cent to be precise — of people tested were infected with chlamydia. Participants were asked if they had ever been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection and none of those who tested positive for chlamydia reported having received a diagnosis of an STI.

Although it is a reportable disease, chlamydia is what's known as a silent infection. Most people have no symptoms. Antibiotics can cure the infection. Herpes simplex 2 is also often an asymptomatic infection, though it can appear as blisters and sores around the genitals, rectum or mouth.

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Legislation blocked

Obama calls gun-control defeat by Senate 'shameful'

The U.S. Senate blocked bipartisan legislation Wednesday aimed at tightening restrictions on the sale of firearms, a huge defeat for President Barack Obama and a rejection of personal pleas by families of the victims of last winter's mass elementary school shooting in Connecticut.

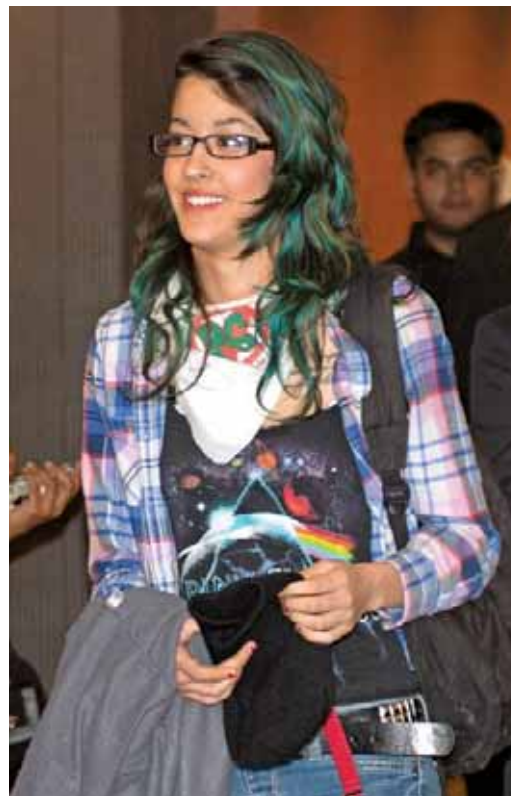
An attempt to ban assault weapons and a ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines were also rejected in series of show-down votes four months after a gunman killed 20 school children and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The background-check measure commanded a majority of senators, 54-46, but that was well short of the 60 votes needed to advance.

Speaking to the nation after the vote Obama said a minority the senators decided "it wasn't worth it" to protect the nation's children.

"All in all, this was a pretty shameful day for Washington," Obama said.

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Charged over Instagram post

Jennifer Pawluck, charged after posting an Instagram photo of graffiti showing Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere with a bullet in his head, leaves the courtroom following her arraignment Wednesday in Montreal. Pawluck, 20, is charged with criminal harassment. Her case was put off until May 24, when her trial date may be set. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS



You know you want it: Wearable computing devices like the Pebble smart watch and Google Glass are expected to explode in popularity over the next year and could become the norm within a matter of years, tech analysts say.
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So long smartphone, hello smart watch?

Tech trend. Some wearable computing gadgets could have mass appeal, observer says

Using wearable computing devices like smart watches and smart glasses will appeal to consumers as an alternative to pulling out their smartphones, say technology experts. You'll be

able to respond to text messages or emails and make phone calls without reaching for your phone, said Info-Tech Research Group's Mark Tauschek.

"If you've got a smart watch on your wrist or you're wearing Google Glass, you're going to get those notifications on your wrist or in your eye so you don't have to reach into your holster or pocket or purse or whatever to grab your smartphone," Tauschek said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Smart watches

- Smart watches such as Pebble, I'm Watch and Martian use Bluetooth technology to pair with smartphones, and do some of their work.
- Apple, Google and Samsung are also reportedly pursuing smart watches.

Tax or tariff? Bike shop owner feels deceived by budget announcement

The owner of an Ottawa bicycle shop where Finance Minister Jim Flaherty last year trumpeted the benefits of his budget says he feels misled. Despite what the federal Conservatives say, they are raising consumer taxes by increasing tariffs on goods imported from dozens of countries, Jose Bray told a news conference at his Joe Mamma bike store on Wednesday.

"It was a little misleading and I think calling it a tariff and saying we're not raising taxes is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the consumer," he

said. "I feel misled more than anything." Bray's shop was the backdrop last October for a Flaherty news conference, where the minister announced measures to be included in his 2012 omnibus Budget Implementation Act.

Flaherty said then he would not raise taxes and would give small businesses a tax credit. But the Conservatives have increased taxes, said Bray, by way of the tariffs, which will increase prices for a number of consumer products, including bicycles. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty appears at Joe Mamma's bicycle shop in Ottawa on Oct. 18, 2012, to trumpet the benefits of his budget. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

United Arab Emirates

Dubai police add Ferrari to fleet

Seems Dubai police have a thing for Italian speed: They're making preparations to have a nearly \$250,000 US Ferrari join an even pricier Lamborghini as the flagship flash of its fleet. Dubai plans to have the two ultra-cars roll through tourist zones in yet another expression of the city's endless pursuit of glitz.

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Market Minute

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97.41¢ (-0.58¢)

TSX
11,947.29 (-172.64)

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CLEAN? OVER MY DEAD BODY

Ah, spring! That magical time of year when a single man's fancy turns to removing from the refrigerator items that are branded "Official sponsor of the Vancouver Olympics."

Yes, it's time for spring cleaning.

According to a Wikipedia entry that I just wrote, spring cleaning as a modern ritual dates back to the 1920s, with the annual cleanup at the Slinky factory in Ohio, where workers would clean the toy springs top to bottom in time for autumn inspection.

This adjectival misunderstanding led people to dust, mop and organize their homes every spring as the weather warmed, which was convenient because those sexy outfits that maids are always wearing are terribly nippy in the winter.

The event caught on and now almost everybody does it. Even I take part in spring cleaning, despite the fact that I practise a special bachelorhood religion that considers dust bunnies sacred.



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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Which leads to a tricky question: Why do I do it?

God knows I don't make it easy on myself. I believe in a challenge, which is why spring cleaning is what I like to call "the only time I clean all year." Less concise, more accurate.

For most of the year, I just look around as I'm leaving for the day and think, "If I died today, would I be mortified when people open my apartment?"

In other words, my place has to be so disgusting that I would feel shame from beyond the grave. If there are no creatures with eyeballs living in the apartment and no need for the gag reflex, I'm usually satisfied. So spring cleaning is, like me, kind of a big deal.

I start by dusting the dust off the duster, taking the mothballs out of the mothballs and cleaning up the cleaners. Fully armed, I tackle the household from eye level to bottom.

I even wash the dishes, instead of my usual ritual of draining

the water and resoaking repeatedly in hopes that the dishes will dissolve. If anyone ever invents a water-soluble, one-use frying pan, I'll be first in line — every morning.

Tackling the bathroom is also key. Usually there are so many pairs of underwear on the floor it looks like Judgment Day came and God took up only people who were mid-orgy.

Then there's the fridge, which doubles as a Grade 4 science project missing only the Bristol board that says "mould" at the top. The vegetable crisper (total misnomer) is often vegetable soup, and the multiple milk cartons in the door are like a retrospective: "The Best-Before Dates of 2012."

But I still go through with the cleanup. Why? Basic hygiene? Goodness, no.

It's because it feels like a chance at new beginnings. I can wipe the slate clean, dust off my dreams and wash away the memory of that night I woke up on the living-room floor with a half-eaten junior bacon cheeseburger in my pocket. Like a New Year's resolution reprise, spring cleaning is a chance to "start clean."

That way, the carpet won't be dirty when it happens again.

ZOOM

A six-legged robot — take a hike!



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Behold, the largest hexapod robot in the world can walk

Meet Mantis, the six-legged walking machine. The menacing robot claims to be the biggest all-terrain operational hexapod robot in the world.

Designed and built in Winchester, Hampshire,

south England, after four years of research and development, it is the brainchild of Matt Denton, founder and chief designer of Micromagic Systems.

The robotic device can be piloted from within the cockpit or remotely using Wi-Fi technology. It's available now for private hire, custom commissions, events and sponsorships.

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Q and A

Creator inspired by Star Wars movie



MATT DENTON
Founder of Micromagic Systems

What inspired you to make this?

It started at a young age while watching sci-fi films such as Star Wars: The

Empire Strikes Back. Seeing those imposing AT-ATs walk across a snowscape got me fascinated with the concept of using legged locomotion on vehicles. This ultimately led me to working in the film industry within animatronics.

I built my first hexapod robot back in 2001, it was about 30 centimetres long. I guess the Mantis was a natural progression. METRO

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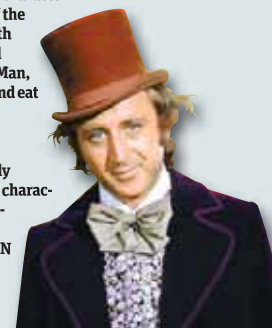
Because your Twitter feed can never have enough sarcasm, here are a couple of 'celeb' parody accounts to follow if you want to spice up your daily intake of hilarity.

@WonkaTweets:

Gene Wilder is back in a condensed, 140-character version of Willy Wonka. He makes fun of the next generation while cracking jokes with gems like, "I bet when cheetahs race and one of them cheats, the other one goes, 'Man, you're such a cheetah!' and they laugh and eat a zebra or whatever."

@DRUNKHULK:

As the name suggests, this Twitter parody account is your favourite Marvel Comics character who drunk tweets in an all-caps, first-person, poor-grammar style. One of his latest: "5.5 TONS OF NUTELLA STOLEN IN GERMANY! SOMETIME IT FEEL LIKE DRUNK HULK NOT LIVING UP TO FULL POTENTIAL!"



Letters

RE: Preschoolers Who Drink Low-Fat Milk More Likely To Be Overweight, published March 25

This is a story of another industry lie like the tobacco and sugar industry.

The dairy industry has promoted low-fat as good for your health, but actually it is good for their bottom line because they can extract more cream to make more products.

The simple science is: All that is left in the milk after the "fat" cream is removed is the sugar (lactose) so when you drink this "healthy" product you are just adding more sugar to an overloaded, Western, sugary diet. The little fat left in the three per cent milk actually works to reduce and slow the sugar uptake, and adds

more food value to the milk, which is healthier. One day, hopefully, all these lies will be shown: the sugar poison, the fat-free, high-sugar products.

I don't buy organic, I'm just concerned about the poor Western diet and the lies we are told. **44fourty posted to metronews.ca**

RE: UBC Study Reveals Most People Don't Know A Woman's Eggs Are As Old As She Is, published March 27

This article left me feeling depressed. I'm 34 years old, and not even close to having children, even though I dream of having few.

It's a grim reminder of how quickly life passes, and the pressure we women are under. **Agnieszka Jeglinska posted to metronews.ca**

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It's more than tutus and tights



A scene from *Swan Lake* CONTRIBUTED/IAN DONALDSON

On pointe. Ballet Jörgen Canada brings *Swan Lake* to the Halifax stage



BACKSTAGE PASS
Jenna Conter
halifax@metronews.ca

Dartmouth-born Hannah Mae Cruddas grew up mesmerized by the graceful dancers of Ballet Jörgen Canada.

Now a member of the company she idolized, Cruddas is thrilled to be

dancing in *Swan Lake* as it tours Canada this spring.

"I would get all dressed up and go to the (Rebecca) Cohn and just love watching the expression and the intricate choreography — I was enthralled with the company," she says. "That led me to participate in one of the performances of Ballet Jörgen in Halifax."

Cruddas now faces Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*.

Granted, the extent of my knowledge of ballet comes from the pink-tightened dramas like *Centre Stage* and *Black Swan*, but from the size of the cast to the complexity of the chor-

eography, this production is like the Ironman Triathlon of ballets. With that kind of pressure, there isn't any downtime.

"We go into class every day and we focus on the small, subtle details," Cruddas says.

Don't let the tutus and tights fool you — when the curtain goes up at the Rebecca Cohn Thursday and Friday night, the men and women of Ballet Jörgen, led by their artistic director and CEO Bengt Jörgen, will be on pointe.

"It's not a project you take on lightly — we've been working for three years and it really comes

Details

- **What.** Ballet Jörgen Canada presents Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*
- **When.** Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.
- **Where.** Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
- **Tickets.** artscentre.dal.ca

down to preparation," says Jörgen. "We've been performing this since September, but when there's a gap we get to go back into the studio and rehearse

and refine."

Celebrating 25 years, Ballet Jörgen Canada started as a platform for Canadian choreographers to create their works. But you can't put on a show without an audience — a responsibility the company successfully took to heart.

"We are the No. 1 company building audiences for dance in Canada, and the No. 1 in community serve, meaning we reach more communities every year than any other company."

As was the case for Cruddas, the company acts as a beacon for ballet dancers across the country.

Today we celebrate Kristina Rose Colvey's 11th Birthday!

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Meet Morgan Freeman, the superfan

New movie. The iconic actor only needed to hear that Tom Cruise was starring in *Oblivion* to make him want to take part

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In *Oblivion*, Morgan Freeman plays Beech, the leader of a group of guerrilla soldiers fighting against Tom Cruise and his scientist-soldier companions for the fate of a post-apocalyptic Earth. But keeping in line with his previous roles as the leader of the free world and even God himself, Freeman's own hopes for what our future would look like are pretty peaceful and pastoral.

"We would all live in trees," the actor explains. "We would walk wherever we went. The planet would be rejuvenated. We wouldn't be killing off all the animals just to feed us."



Tom Cruise, left, and Morgan Freeman face off in *Oblivion*. UNIVERSAL PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oblivion marks the first time that Freeman has worked with Cruise, and in spite of being the sort of actor others clamour to share the screen with, he admits that he was swayed by the possibility of their collaboration.

"If I was going to be a truck driver hauling supplies (for this film), I would have taken the job," Freeman says. "I'm one of his huge fans — I have been one for I don't know how many years."

He admits that the role

of Beech was initially less substantial in the script, but the prospect of working on something with such an enormous scale — and with an enormous star — proved too irresistible to pass up.

"If you compare the script

The Cruise effect

"The movie is so much more than what you read on the page. But it's a big science-fiction film with Tom Cruise. It's hard to go wrong"

Morgan Freeman
Talking about working with Tom Cruise.

to the movie, they don't compare," he admits. "But I was excited by the script (and) the movie is so much more than what you read on the page. But it's a big science-fiction film with Tom Cruise. It's hard to go wrong."

At 75, Freeman has tackled virtually any challenge an actor might face. But he insists that the ever-changing nature of his work is what helps him maintain enthusiasm for his profession, his art.

"I enjoy it every single day," Freeman insists. "I was born to do this. It's not like I have to get up every morning Monday through Friday and go to a job. A movie begins

and it ends in a relatively short period of time, so in a given period of time — let's say a year — you can have three, four or five different experiences, which is kind of exciting."

That variety of experiences had made him not just a star, but an icon — and a beloved public figure. But Freeman says he's come to terms with the responsibilities of celebrity-hood, even if his priority remains the work itself.

"One of my movie heroes, Humphrey Bogart, was asked a question about pictures, autographs and the public," Freeman remembers. "Bogart said, 'I don't owe the public anything but a good performance,' and I tried to take that to heart, but not quite so. You can't quite get away from it."

"I don't do autographs," he explains. "They are a waste of time. But touching someone's hand, hugging a beautiful lady? All of that works out very well. So I think I owe the public a little bit more than just a good performance. I owe them just a little bit of my time — if I'm cornered."

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Billy Ray Cyrus hints Miley's engagement may end in achy, breaky hearts

If how Billy Ray Cyrus went about writing his new memoir, *Hillbilly Heart*, is any indication, he's not that optimistic that daughter Miley Cyrus and her fiancé, Liam Hemsworth, will make it to the altar.

"I know as I was writing the book I wanted to keep that particular moment as open-ended as possible. I didn't know the answer,"

Billy Ray tells ABC News.

"They're young, they're kids. The great news is, they're great friends. They're really, really good friends."

As for their chances of seeing their wedding reception? "I don't know, I really don't," he says.

"I play it by ear and I know whatever is meant to be, that's the way it's going to happen."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Rihanna's Diamonds tour losing its shine



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What is going on with Rihanna?

Rihanna's Diamonds World Tour, which kicked off March 8th, isn't going off exactly as planned.

The singer has already cancelled three concerts — Baltimore and Boston last month and Houston on Monday. Her promoter Live Nation confirmed only that the cancellations were "as a result of illness" but did not say what was wrong with the star. When she cancelled the

Boston show, she tweeted fans that morning, saying: "(Boston) this is the hardest thing for me to deal with! I feel like we've been waiting on this day forever, and I'm hurt that I let you down. ... I hate disappointing people that never ever let me down!! I'm so embarrassed about this! Thank you for your prayers and well wishes!"

Her camp is claiming "laryngitis" but the tabloid press is claiming "pregnant." TMZ.com spotted the singer, covered up in a baseball cap and sucking on a lollipop, leaving a medical building on Tuesday. If you checked out the singer's Instagram, you will see she is a connoisseur of the green stuff. So maybe if she laid off the pot? Perhaps that would help this whole "laryngitis" issue. I know it would help this possible "pregnancy" situation.



Macaulay Culkin

Paparazzi leave Culkin a sulkin'

Macaulay Culkin isn't having that great of a stay in London, if his run-ins with the paparazzi are any indication.

The former child star first seemed perturbed by the photographers' presence while checking into his hotel, the Budget Ibis. Tensions boiled over while Culkin was

leaving nightclub the Haunt after joining pal Adam Green on stage, according to E! News.

Culkin reportedly launched himself at a paparazzo and began attacking him, telling him to go to hell.

It's unclear what set the actor off.

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I am pretty bad at yoga.



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STYLE

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Jeans are the easiest thing to wear during spring's rainy season of transitional weather. We take styling tips from seven stylish everyday women spotted around the world.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

The idea: Polish the tomboy up

Styling tip: Chiara Totire (pictured right in Milan) expertly nails the contrast mixing that's so popular right now. This is because she doesn't overdo it. Mix one feminine detail, such as the simple bit of lace on her Jil Sander beanie, into an otherwise masculine look.

ASOS
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The idea: Bring those old school high tops back

Styling tip: Lately, when we see a pair of sneakers in a fashion story, it's the neon Nike Free or primary coloured New Balance. But the classic high top (and we're not talking about those trendy Isabel Marant wedge ones) has been overlooked. Londoner Bryona Hayne's sporty look makes a good case for fixing that.

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The idea: Day-to- night means dressing down

Styling tip: Speaking of contrast, check out how Rajni Jacques's polished tailoring neatens up the New Yorker's otherwise badass grunge look, showing a new side of day-to-night dressing. Because sometimes, the after-work socializing happens in a dive bar and not a swanky gallery opening.

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7 new ways to wear denim

The idea: Take your double denim to another level

Styling tip: Like head-to-toe black or white, double denim is the perfect blank canvas to dress around. The possibilities are endless, but we especially like the idea of using double denim to show off bold outerwear and accessories the way Candela Novembre (top) of Milan does. And can you spot the tomboy and girly elements here?

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The idea: Give the girly girl an edge

Styling tip: Pink, the most saccharine of colours, suddenly gets major bite when paired with boyfriend jeans and a fisherman's sweater. And let us draw your eye to the navy blue nails on Irina Lackicevic from London. Sensing a theme here?

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\$805, STYLEBOP.COM

The idea: Take the wide legs out of the '70s

Styling tip: Steer clear of going too literal and disco-y by balancing the retroness of the jeans with a contemporary silhouette on top. Pay close attention to the length of Brit Kimberly Carroll's jeans. You don't want them dragging on the ground.



The idea: Put the ripped bits up top

Styling tip: We expect to see rips and tears on the legs (preferably just above or below the knee.) Give an element of surprise by wearing the distressed bits up top, pairing a ripped knit with a pristine pair of dark blue jeans the way Anouki Areshidze in Milan does here.



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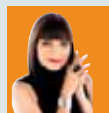
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Glam star picks permeate prom

Red carpet ready.
Teens seeking their own time in the spotlight look to celebs for inspiration

You might as well roll out the red carpet in front of the school gymnasium or hotel ballroom and line it with parental paparazzi. Prom season provides many girls a chance to have their moment to pose.

It's likely that this year's parade of fashions will include a few starlet look-alikes. And why not?

Today's young celebrities span many styles. There's Jennifer Lawrence, who has come to awards shows dressed both sporty and sleek, and like a princess; Taylor Swift, who moves seamlessly from vintage to ethereal; and sometimes funky, sometimes artsy Chloe Moretz.

There are also Rihanna and Selena Gomez, notes Gina Kelly, fashion director at Seventeen. "You've got Selena Gom-



Jennifer Lawrence shows her fans how to get down in a gown.
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ez, who's a little sweeter, and Rihanna, who's edgier. Within that range, you've got a lot of options."

Coming just off the Hollywood awards season, all the options are fresh in girls' minds, she says, and they've gotten ideas on how to put a whole package together. Lawrence, for example, wore a bona fide ball gown — and there are girls who want that — but her delicate jewelry and loose updo added youthfulness, Kelly observes.

Georgina Chapman, designer of red-carpet favourite Marchesa, is now offering a significantly less expensive version of her party looks at JCPenney under the Pearl label.

For even her older teen stepdaughter, Chapman says she felt like Marchesa's dramatic signature might have been a little too much. "You want to look vibrant. You've got that young glow, work with that!"

She hopes Pearl adds a little "more tongue in cheek" than Marchesa, with the same level of attention to details, and you'll have the embellishment and ruffles.

Mandi Line, costume designer for TV's *Pretty Little Liars*, encourages girls to try on as many prom dresses as possible. Then, she says, "go with your gut or you won't be happy at the dance."

"What do you want to show off? Your legs, your arms? Then look at your favourite star. You might not be like them, you might not look like them. But it's a good start for ideas," Line says.

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DIY ideas. Clean, sand, paint, stain — restore an old piece into a new gem for your home

If one man's junk is another man's treasure, both those men are probably at the flea market, where beautiful pieces of decor can be hiding beneath chipped wood and old paint.

Robert Kulp and Mike Whiteside of Salvage Dawgs offer some tips on turning junk into treasure through restoration.

Research and inspect

Check for unusual markings and labels to determine the origin and worth of the piece.

If you suspect it may be an antique, take it to a professional before you work on it. If you start to restore an antique you will ultimately void the piece of any vintage worth.

Safety first

A safety checklist before you start is a key component when doing DIY projects.

When restoring furniture, be sure to have goggles to protect your eyes from wood or metal scraps, wear long sleeves, wear a mask when working with chemicals and be sure to work in

a well ventilated area.

Clean before you start

Once you've determined your plan for the piece it must be thoroughly cleaned before you begin sanding, painting or staining.

You will need to buff it with a vegetable oil-based soap and warm water. Use a small soft bristle tooth brush if the piece is highly detailed.

Dirt and grime build up over the years and it will need to be removed for a professional look.

Repair

If parts are broken you will need to repair them or replace them altogether.

Search antique stores because you may get lucky and find a matching chair leg or drawer knob; but chances are you will have to get replacements custom made. Check for loose screws to simply tighten them, or take them out and replace them if they're rusted. Use wood glue for any small breaks and wood putty for small cracks.



Found an antique? Use a chemical stripper to take off the old finish. ISTOCK IMAGES

Refinish/repaint

You will need to use both chemical strippers and sanding to take off the old finish.

If you are painting the piece, you will need to

slightly sand down any ridges.

Before you stain or paint the item, give it another buff to get rid of dust in order to end up with a profes-

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Appetizer. Feta Spinach Strudel Bites

1. Filling: In skillet, heat oil over medium heat; fry onion and garlic, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes. Scrape into bowl; let cool. Squeeze moisture from spinach; chop finely and add to bowl along with Romano and feta cheeses, egg, roasted red pepper, dill, pepper and nutmeg. Stir to combine.

2. Place 1 sheet of the phyllo on work surface, covering remainder with damp towel to prevent drying out. Brush lightly with some of the butter. Top with 2 more phyllo sheets, brushing each with some of the remaining butter.

3. Leaving a 2.5 cm border on each end, spoon about 1 cup of the spinach mixture along 1 long side; fold ends over filling. Roll up to form log. Place, seam side down, on baking sheet. With sharp knife, score top through phyllo to make 12 servings. Repeat with remaining phyllo and filling and

"This curry-scented marinade uses only a bit of Thai red curry paste, but an opened jar will keep in the fridge for up to one year," write the editors of Canadian Living in The Appetizer Collection. "Try the luscious peanut sauce on grilled chicken as well."

1. Peanut sauce: In food processor, blend together peanut butter, coconut milk, lime juice, soy sauce, brown sugar and hot pepper sauce until smooth. Pour into bowl; cover and set aside. Cut pork into 26 8-by-1-by-5mm strips.

2. Marinade: In large bowl, whisk together brown sugar, cilantro, lime juice, garlic, ginger, soy sauce and curry paste; add pork, tossing to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours. (Make-ahead: Refrigerate peanut sauce and pork separately for up to 24 hours. Bring sauce to room temperature, thinning with water, if desired.)

3. Thread pork onto small metal or soaked wooden skewers; place on broiler pan or foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Broil, 15 cm from heat and turning once, until lightly browned and no longer pink inside, about 6 minutes. Serve with peanut sauce for dipping.

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Ingredients

• 1 pork tenderloin, trimmed (about 1 lb/450 g)

Marinade

- 2 tbsp packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger

- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp Thai red curry paste

Peanut sauce

- 1/3 cup natural peanut butter
- 1/3 cup coconut milk
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce



This recipe makes 26 pieces. RYAN SZULC/CONTRIBUTED

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- Filling**
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 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 pkg (10 oz/300 g) frozen spinach, thawed
 - 1 cup grated Romano cheese
 - 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 1 egg, lightly beaten
 - 1/4 cup diced, drained, jarred roasted red pepper
 - 3 tbsp chopped fresh dill (or 2 tsp dried dillweed)
 - 1/2 tsp pepper
 - Pinch nutmeg

some of the remaining butter.

4. Brush with remaining butter. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven until golden, about 25 minutes. With serrated knife, slice along score marks.

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Renovation financing

Options. Contact your lender to find out how much you can borrow before you start a project

One of the key questions you need to ask yourself when first thinking about a home renovation is how you are going to pay for it.

Will you use cash from savings or will you borrow the money, and how much are you willing and able to spend?

You can get an early sense of the cost of your proposed renovation by talking with a professional renovator. But before you begin any detailed planning, or even sooner, contact your lender to find out how much you can borrow, and what your options are.

The choice of financing usually depends on the cost of the renovation, and how you want to repay the loan. For instance, do you wish to make large payments over a short time, or smaller regular payments over a long period?

• Credit card. Using your credit card is a convenient way to purchase materials or pay for small projects. If you pay your account in full each month by the due date, you will have the benefit of a short-term, interest-free loan.

• Personal line of credit. A revolving credit line is a popular option and ideal for ongoing or long-term projects. You have access to the funds any time, up to your approved limit, and you only pay interest on the funds you use. Monthly statements help you keep track of expenses, and as you pay off your balance, you can "reuse" the funds without reapplying.

• Personal loan. With an instalment loan, you can budget regular payments at a fixed or variable interest rate for a set period of time. Repayment periods typically vary from one to five years. Once you pay off your loan, you no longer have access to the credit and will have to go through the approval process again if you need to borrow more funds.

• Secured lines of credit and home equity loan plans. By using the equity in your home as collateral for your line of credit or personal loan, you can enjoy lower interest rates. While there is typically no cost to open a secured line of credit or home equity loan



The choice of financing usually depends on the cost of the renovation, and how you want to repay the loan. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

plan, legal and appraisal fees usually apply.

• A relatively new product, a home equity line of credit (HELOC) provides access to up to 80 per cent of the equity in your home and can be used for a wide range of purposes and purchases, including both homebuying and renovation. A HELOC can be split into a number of different financial products, such as a

mortgage and a line of credit.

• Homeowner mortgage. If you have an existing mortgage, it can be advantageous to increase the amount by the cost of the renovations, particularly if you are planning a major project and want to spread the cost over a long period. Mortgage rates are often substantially lower than other loan rates. You may be able to borrow up to

90 per cent of the value of your home, less the outstanding balance of any existing mortgage. Loans of 80 per cent or more of the appraised value of your home must be insured against borrower default with mortgage loan insurance.

• "Purchase plus improvements" loan. If you are buying an existing home and want to upgrade it right away, you

may be able to roll the cost of the renovations into the mortgage. This is possible even on a low down payment loan. Mortgage insurance providers, such as Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, will consider a number of factors, including the amount of the renovation loan and the value of the home once the work is completed.

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"That's what faces the cold," explains Paul Pettipas, the CEO of the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association.

There are several types of insulation to choose from, including fibreglass, cellulose and spray foam. Look for insulation with a higher R-value since it will help resist heat flow.

For windows, Pettipas recommends installing Low-E argon windows. These windows make it challenging for cold or warm air to pass through a window.

It is easier to upgrade the insulation when building a home than at the renovation stage.



If you want to save energy, your best bet is to improve windows and insulation, in other words, the shell of your home. JUPITERIMAGES/BRAND X PICTURES

Other non-shell options for improving energy efficiency include using a solar hot water heater. This tech-

nology uses the energy from the sun and converts it into hot water.

While energy efficiency up-

grades will cost more money in the short term, they pay for themselves over the long run.

For further encourage-

ment, Efficiency Nova Scotia (ENS) offers a program called Performance Plus, which offers rebates to people who

build new homes that are significantly more energy efficient than the provincial building code requires.

A home built to code in Nova Scotia will have an EnerGuide rating of 80. An EnerGuide rating is a measure of a home's energy performance and ranges from zero to 100.

"The higher the rating, the more efficient it is," explains Josh McLean, a lead program manager with Efficiency Nova Scotia.

The amount of the potential rebate will depend on what EnerGuide rating is achieved. For example, a rating of 92 or more could qualify for a \$10,000 rebate.

To participate in the program, there are specific procedures to follow, which is detailed on ENS's website (bit.ly/P1ySdv). There are also minimum requirements for the amounts of attic and wall insulation required.

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A contract should be comprehensive

When you hire someone to renovate your home, a written contract is a must. No projects, even a small one, should be done without one.

Why is a contract important?

To begin with, a written contract helps to protect you. It is an indication that you are dealing with a reputable reno-

vator, not a “fly-by-nighter.” It also gives you legal recourse in case the project runs into problems, for any number of reasons.

However, not all contracts are equal, and it's important to ensure that a contract covers essential information. For instance, it should provide proof that the renovator is

legitimately in business, with GST registration, insurance and workers' compensation.

Just as importantly, a written contract is a “blueprint” for your renovation experience. A detailed contract can prevent a lot of misunderstanding and confusion by providing clarity upfront about your project and the process. It also anticipates issues that can arise in any renovation project by addressing “what-if” scenarios and solutions.

There is no single format for a renovation contract. Many companies develop their own form, while others use standard contract documents or adapt model forms available from a variety of sources, including the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Depending on the size and complexity of the project, it can be a single document of a couple of pages or more, or it can be a comprehensive “contract package” that includes a number of attachments — drawings, materials lists, payment schedules, and so on.

When your renovator presents a contract for your acceptance, it may be the first time you have an opportunity to review the company's “offer” to you. Or it may be the end point of a lengthy process of discussion, design and decision-making.

Either way, it is important that you read, understand and agree with everything in the contract. A renovation project can take weeks or months to complete, and may last a lifetime — a few hours reviewing and discussing the details of the contract with your renovator before signing is a wise and prudent investment of your time. You may also want to have your lawyer



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review it before you sign.

Ask your renovator to explain anything in the contract that is unclear to you. And keep in mind that “when in

doubt, put it in writing” — it is easier to add something to the contract before signing it than to work through uncertainties later. Both you and

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Creating a functional outdoor space

When renovating a home, people often forget one of the most important components — the outdoor space. If done right, your yard can become more than an extension of your home, it can be a private escape. Try these following tips for creating an outdoor retreat.

Set the mood

Like any room in your house,

lighting is key when it comes to the outdoors.

Solar-powered lights are a great option and help save on energy bills. Installation is easy since there is no wiring or plugs to worry about. With many sizes and styles to choose from, you are sure to find the perfect one to brighten up your outdoor space.

Be your own weather specialist

It is important to keep the climate in mind when choosing your outdoor furniture. For example, if you live in a windy area, select heavier furniture since lighter plastic chairs are likely to turn up on your neighbour's lawn.

If you experience heavy, regular rainfall, try to stay

away from materials like wrought iron that may rust. And to lengthen the life of your outdoor pieces, make sure to store your patio furniture when weather isn't in your favour.

Create a space with a purpose

Do you want to use your space to host parties, relax,

or give your children somewhere they can play? How you plan on using the space will determine what type of furniture you need.

And with outdoor furniture, you can get creative — chairs can be replaced with recliners, swings, loungers, or even hammocks.

Decorative accents are also essential. Throw a few

colourful pillows on your outdoor furniture or put an outdoor area rug under your patio set.

As long as fashion meets function, anything goes.

With the right tools and tips, setting up a fun and functional outdoor space doesn't need to be an overwhelming project.

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Grow the greenest lawn

With warm weather just around the corner, everyone looks forward to spending time outdoors and in their own backyards with family and friends. However, harsh Canadian winters can leave lawns dry and brittle — making our favourite haven appear neglected.

Own an envy-worthy green lawn by following these easy steps:

- Start with a quality clean-up: Lightly rake away winter debris to tidy your lawn when spring arrives. A quality rake is important.
- Water thoroughly: Late spring through summer, your lawn needs infrequent but deep watering to ensure that roots receive proper nourishment. A quality sprinkler is essential.
- Never skip fertilizer: Soil and grass require nitrogen to grow strong and lush, and winter often produces a deficiency of this important nutrient. Applying a quality fertilizer will improve the long-term health of your lawn. For best results, fertilize in the spring and summer and fall.
- Make the perfect cut: Keep your grass six to eight centi-



Keep your grass six to eight centimetres in height when mowing your lawn in order to minimize weed growth. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINSTOCK

metres in height when mowing your lawn in order to minimize weed growth. For best results, sharpen your lawn mower blades twice each season.

• Don't forget mulch: Use a mulching mower to deliver nutrients, such as nitrogen, to the roots of your lawn. This will insulate the roots, protecting your lawn during the summer heat and help to

minimize weeds.

• Get rid of weeds: A hand weeder is a fantastic tool for getting rid of stubborn dandelions and other weeds. Weeders remove weeds at their root, eliminating the risk of regrowth. Once weeds are removed, scoop a sand-and-seed mixture into the resulting hole to reseed your lawn and encourage healthy grass growth. NEWS CANADA



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Get all the details in writing

For a number of years, the Get it in Writing! campaign has provided homeowners with sound information on how to avoid risks when hiring a contractor for their renovation project. The campaign was launched by the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) to help consumers protect themselves from underground and fly-by-night contractors.

The site (hiringacontractor.com) offers a wealth of good advice to help homeowners do it right, with a variety of downloadable worksheets and information from both the CHBA and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

• Check out the "Get Informed" section to learn about contracts, workers' compensation, permits, liens and other legal and contractual requirements.

• "Hire a Professional" outlines how to find and hire a renovator, including checklists and worksheets.

• "Underground Deals" highlights the risks to homeowners if they hire a contractor who wants to be paid in cash and does not play by the rules.

• The downloadable Get it in Writing! brochure is a handy reference tool.

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Beware of changing a room's function when renovating. NEWS CANADA PHOTO

Think projects through

Custom renovations are often a great way to put your family's personal stamp on a home. However, you may want to reconsider if you plan on installing something as unique as an indoor water-slide.

Consider these tips when customizing your home.

- Avoid extravagant personal touches. Before choosing to install built-in aquariums, bold wallpaper patterns or green marble countertops, remember that over-the-top personal touches can potentially decrease the value of your home.

- Stay away from outdoor

spaces that are not climate appropriate. The majority of us in Canada can only utilize our backyards for half the year. Additions like outdoor kitchens or tennis courts might be something to reconsider.

- Beware of changing a room's function. Sometimes the easiest way to decrease the value of a home is to decrease the number of bedrooms. Consider how difficult it may be for future homeowners if you plan on changing a bedroom into a theatre room or home office.
- Reconsider the thought of having a pool. If having a

pool will please your entire family, then by all means get one. But bear in mind a pool will never add monetary value to your home. Pools require maintenance and can be a safety concern for small children. These are issues homebuyers may not want to deal with.

- Think twice about turning your garage into a "man cave." There is no harm in turning your garage into an entertainment den but if you ever plan on moving, keep in mind the majority of potential buyers may prefer a useful garage.

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Planning. Stay on time and on budget

A big concern for many homeowners who embark on a renovation is whether the work will be completed on schedule and on budget.

The more care you take in preparing for your renovation, the less likely you are to run into problems, according to experienced renovators. Learn about the process beforehand, understand what's involved and hire the right people for the job. Then any changes to the original timelines and budget will be the result of decisions between you and the renovator during the work, not the result of poor management.

- The key is to hire a professional renovator with the right skills and expertise for your job. Experienced renovators understand what it takes to do the work and how to schedule it. They have a network of reliable subcontractors and suppliers, and they know how to avoid problems that can undermine the project's schedule or budget.

- Book your renovator early. Good renovators may be booked weeks and months ahead. If you are in a hurry to get started, you risk ending up hiring someone with less experience, who may not be able to deliver on time or on budget.

- Many types of projects require a permit. The time involved to get a permit can vary, and must be calculated into the time frames for your renovation. In some cases, a zoning variance or adjustment may be needed, which can push the start-up of the

project back for months. The sooner the application is made, the sooner you can get going. Similarly, municipal inspections to verify compliance with codes must be incorporated

into the project schedule.

- Have the design and specifications (materials and products) completely done before starting the actual work. Don't leave any loose ends by tak-

ing the approach that "we'll decide on that once we get to it," or the whole schedule may start to unravel. Exceptions to this are allowances where you and the renovator will allocate a certain amount in the budget for items to be selected by you during the course of the project, such as kitchen cabinets, flooring or light fixtures.

- Make sure you understand when you have to make any outstanding decisions and selections. Don't wait until just before the deadline, or you risk jeopardizing the work schedule or just as important, regretting a rushed decision later.

- Keep changes to a minimum once the work has begun. Changing your mind on something may affect both timelines and cost because the renovator may have to redo

Surprises arise

- Experienced renovators can also explain the possible surprises that can affect the timing and budget once the work gets under way. For instance, wiring and plumbing behind walls, not visible during the renovator's initial assessment, may need replacing. Previ-

ous renovation work may have compromised your home's structural integrity, requiring additional work. Depending on the project, the renovator may advise you to set aside a contingency fund, rather than "guesstimate" the costs of dealing with surprises.

work, order new materials or wait for subcontractors to fit the revised work into their schedule. Most renovators will be pleased to accommodate your changes if at all possible, but will treat it as an amendment to the contract, and may need to set a new completion date.

- Discuss your expectations

with the renovator upfront. You may be surprised that a bathroom or kitchen upgrade will take weeks or even months to complete. The renovator can explain the work involved in detail — each step, each subcontractor task, each permit and each inspection.

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Experienced renovators understand what it takes to do the work and how to schedule it. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

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Assurance. Most new homes in Nova Scotia come with a seven-year warranty that covers defects

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For Metro

In Nova Scotia, most new homes come with something called an Atlantic Home Warranty (AHW), a third-party warranty that provides protection for seven years.

The first year is when the warranty is most comprehensive.

"Generally speaking, it covers defects in builder workmanship and material, and major structural defects," writes T. Chandler Haliburton, a real estate agent with RE/MAX nova, in an email.

During the first year, the warranty is covered by the builder, while from Year 2

onwards, AHW is responsible for any repairs.

For the final six years of the warranty, it covers only major structural defects.

"It would have to be something pretty severe for the Atlantic Home Warranty to step in and do anything," says Sheila Banser, a real estate agent with Royal LePage Atlantic.

Examples that would be covered during the first year — but not the other years — include a leaky faucet, cracked tiles and nail pops.

At the 11-month mark, people should make a list of deficiencies and contact the builder to have them fixed.

Haliburton says it is crucial that people understand



Some examples that may be covered during the first year of a home warranty include a leaky faucet, cracked tiles and nail pops. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

the warranty program, the limitations of builder liability and whether there are any separate warranties outside of the program.

He says the last point is often overlooked because many of the materials — such as windows, siding and shingles — have their own manu-

facturer/supplier warranties.

"Even some of the sub-contracted trades may supply labour warranties," Haliburton says. "In the long run, those can be far more beneficial than a limited home warranty program."

For that reason, it's important people get a com-

plete list of who did the work, as well as what the warranties are.

"Make sure you have paperwork on everybody who's done work on that house, so you know who you need to go back to when there's an issue like that," Banser says.

Before moving forward with any new home construction, it is crucial people establish a good relationship with the builder since they will most likely be the person resolving issues that arise.

"If you don't feel you have that, then look for another builder," Haliburton cautions.

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Here are some simple ways to transform your own yard into an outdoor oasis:

First, determine how you most like to use your yard. Do you prefer relaxing outside with a book, playing with the kids, gardening, or entertaining? The answers to these questions will determine how to design your space.

To create an "outdoor room" and an area that offers shade from the sun, pergolas are a great choice, and a growing trend. They allow you to create a shaded walkway or sitting area where you can enjoy your garden without worry of the sun. To outline your "outdoor room," lay out your furniture and define the "walls" with end tables, planters and other decorative elements. A fountain or a pond act as a focal point and also add an element of relaxation and nature to the space.

To minimize watering, invest in a self-watering system to ensure your plants remain hydrated even when you are away from home for a few days at a time.

If you enjoy spending



Determine how you most like to use your yard — do you prefer playing with the kids, gardening, or entertaining? WAVEBREAK MEDIA/THINKSTOCK

time with friends and family, a spacious deck will provide the perfect area for entertaining. There are many options available. Wood offers a natural look and is generally the

most cost-efficient option. If you are eco-minded, composite decking is made from up to 95 per cent recycled material and requires little maintenance. Patio stones

can be a more natural looking option, which can also give more height to your privacy fence since the stones are flush with the grass line.

When it comes to privacy,

there are many fence options including various woods, materials and designs, while iron decorative inserts, toppers or caps are also a great way to add appeal. If you

have a small yard, a privacy fence with built-in benches and planters is a great space-saving solution. For natural privacy, consider a trellis, which is also a great sound barrier.

Last but not least, your oasis will not be complete without lush green grass and plants. Soil and grass require nitrogen to grow strong and our harsh winters can often leave grass deficient of this important nutrient. Applying a quality fertilizer will improve the long-term health of your lawn. Fertilize in the spring, summer and fall — 90 per cent of the success of plant health is the result of soil nutrition.

To maximize plant growth it is worthwhile to invest in a high-quality soil mix that is specially formulated for the purpose. It's worth noting that not all growing areas are alike. Containers require different soil than a garden or flower bed, so to ensure you have your plants at their greenest, make sure you are using the right products.

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Mooseheads GM: Maturity making difference this time

Team first. Russell says he's thrilled by Herd's stellar play but by no means content yet



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A defining moment for this year's Halifax Mooseheads occurred almost exactly this time last year.

On April 17, 2012, Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin stunned the Quebec Remparts with his Game 7 overtime tally to cap a remarkable second-round series comeback.

The Herd clawed its way back from a 3-0 hole. In doing so the Mooseheads began the process of evolving into the team they are today.

"Playing against Quebec was huge for us," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "To have that experience and to grow from that and to know what to expect in every game in every round as we go deeper into the playoffs."

It's no surprise that Russell has been impressed with his squad's undefeated record through two playoff rounds. Without singling out anyone

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on the roster, he's noticed each line repeatedly rising to the occasion.

"It shows our maturity. It's not just one guy, it's different guys every night, it's been a solid team effort."

But he's not satisfied. His focus remains squarely on the Mooseheads' semifinal matchup against Rouyn-Noranda that gets underway Saturday.

Come puck drop Russell is expecting a formidable opponent that's prepared to battle.

"The Huskies are a great hockey team. They had a very strong finish to their season. They have excellent scoring, so this is a great challenge."

Russell also knows that being the favourite means nothing and the Herd's record-breaking regular season, as he puts it, "goes out the window."

"If you want to win in the playoffs, if you want to win the President's Cup or the Memorial Cup, you have to be the best team at the time."



Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon closes in on the Gatineau goal during the second round of the QMJHL playoffs.
DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

Huskies prepped and primed, coach says

Andre Tourigny knows exactly what he'll be up against come Saturday.

The head coach and general manager of the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies understands the odds are heavily stacked against him and his players as they prepare for Game 1 of their best-of-seven semifinal series against the Halifax Mooseheads.

But in his ninth season as

the Huskies bench boss he's also learned that anything can happen in the playoffs.

"At some point that's hockey," said Tourigny. "You can be the best team ever, it's not about how good you are, it's about how good you will be in the next two weeks, that is the point. We're playing our best hockey right now."

The Mooseheads are pre-

Quoted

"We have to be alert and we have to be able to compete at anytime."

Rouyn-Noranda Huskies head coach and general manager Andre Tourigny

paring to face a team that needed just five games to dispose of a very good Quebec

Remparts club in its quarter-final matchup.

Led by QMJHL playoff scoring leader Sven Andrighetto, the Huskies are firing on all cylinders. Though Tourigny says his players are feeling confident and prepared to fight tooth and nail, he's well aware of the challenge before him.

"You're not the best team in Canada by doing one thing

good, you have to do everything good when you're at that level," said Tourigny about the Mooseheads. "Everyone is talking about Drouin, Frk and MacKinnon and Fournier. But they have more than that, they have guys like Boudreau, Ashley, MacAulay and Andrews. Everyone in that lineup can beat you at anytime."

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

QMJHL

Rocket hitting road?

The transition of the P.E.I. Rocket to the Islanders is on hold while the team's connection with the Savard family will end shortly.

Serge Savard Jr. told a press conference on Wednesday the Quebec Major Junior Hockey

League team is for sale with an April 26 deadline looming.

The family made the decision after the QMJHL approached the club Monday to purchase the team on behalf of another ownership group.

Savard said he would prefer to see the team remain in P.E.I. if a local group can raise an estimated \$3.5 million by April 26.

The team said it has been losing an average of \$300,000 a year since it moved to Charlottetown from Montreal in 2003.

Attendance rebounded only slightly this year despite a vastly improved team, which included Sackville's Ben Duffy, and an impressive winning record.

He said the only logical

option now is to sell the team either to the league, another ownership group or a local P.E.I. group.

The deadline gives local owners just eight business days to match the offer.

Team operations manager Trent Birt said he will work hard for next week to keep the team in P.E.I.

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NHL. Fans mourn and then cheer as Bruins return to action

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The sold-out crowd at the first major sporting event in the city since Monday's attack lined up for metal-detecting wands and random car inspections to get into the TD Garden. Once inside, they watched a sombre video with scenes from the race, ending with the words, "We are Boston, We are Strong."

The players on the ice for the opening faceoff banged their sticks in the traditional salute, drifting back off the blue-lines so that they, too,



Bruins defenceman Dennis Seidenberg watches pre-game ceremonies on the ice, illuminated in blue and yellow, the colours of the Boston Athletic Association, on Wednesday at TD Garden. The Bruins and Sabres also wore Boston Strong decals on their shirts. JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

could see the video. The Boston Fire Department Honor Guard brought out the U.S. flag to honour the first responders who rushed to the aid of the three killed and more than 170 injured by the twin bombs at the marathon finish line.

It was an emotional return to normal life for the city, which has been dazed by the

attacks on one of its signature and most beloved events. Monday's scheduled Bruins game against Ottawa was rescheduled, and Tuesday night's Celtics game was cancelled outright.

But the Bruins said they were determined to help the city move on.

"You're trying to live your

Quoted

"We love the city. We want to help in any way we can — if we can give them 10 minutes of joy, or 20 hours of joy — anything we can do."

Chris Kelly, Bruins forward

life in peace, and there's people trying to disrupt that," coach Claude Julien said on Wednesday before the Bruins' 3-2 shootout loss to the Buffalo Sabres. "The people trying to live their life in peace are going to stick together."

Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs pledged \$100,000 to The One Fund Boston, the charity established to help families affected by the bombing; the Garden, the NHL and the players association pledged \$50,000 each.

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Raptors wrap up with tribute

Toronto Raptors and Boston Celtics observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings on Wednesday. The Raptors won their season finale 114-90.

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CIS

Colley, Bloodoff up for BLG awards

McMaster University quarterback Kyle Quinlan is one of four nominees for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport male athlete of the year honour.

The other finalists for the men's BLG Award are Saint Mary's hockey player Lucas Bloodoff, Concordia wrestler David Tremblay and soccer player Gagan Dosanjh from UBC.

Quinlan won the Hec Crighton Trophy last season

as the top player in Canadian university football. He helped the Marauders repeat as OUA champions and reach the Vanier Cup for the second straight year.

The female BLG Award nominees are Saint Mary's basketball player Justine Colley, McGill hockey player Melodie Daoust, Guelph rugby player Britt Benn and UBC volleyball player Shanice Marcelle.

The award winners will be named April 29 at a ceremony in Toronto. Each winner will receive a \$10,000 post-graduate scholarship.

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MLB

White Sox take another from Jays

Catcher Tyler Flowers hit a three-run home run and Jose Quintana pitched 6 2-3 innings to earn his first win of the season as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 7-0 on Wednesday.

Alex Rios also homered as Quintana (1-0) held the Blue Jays to five hits and two walks while striking out seven in his third start of the season at Rogers Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	66	16	.805	—
y-New York	54	28	.659	12
y-Indiana	49	31	.613	16
x-Brooklyn	49	33	.598	17
x-Chicago	45	37	.549	21
x-Atlanta	44	38	.537	22
x-Boston	41	40	.506	24 ^{1/2}
x-Milwaukee	38	44	.463	28
Toronto	34	48	.415	32
Philadelphia	33	48	.407	32 ^{1/2}
Detroit	29	53	.354	37
Washington	29	53	.354	37
Cleveland	24	58	.293	42
Charlotte	21	61	.256	45
Orlando	20	62	.244	46

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Oklahoma City	60	22	.732	—
y-San Antonio	58	24	.707	2
x-Denver	57	25	.695	3
y-L.A. Clippers	55	26	.679	4 ^{1/2}
x-Memphis	56	26	.683	4
x-Golden State	46	35	.568	13 ^{1/2}
x-Houston	45	36	.556	14 ^{1/2}
x-L.A. Lakers	44	37	.543	15 ^{1/2}
Utah	43	39	.524	17
Dallas	41	41	.500	19
Portland	33	48	.407	26 ^{1/2}
Minnesota	31	51	.378	29
Sacramento	28	53	.346	31 ^{1/2}
New Orleans	27	55	.329	33
Phoenix	25	57	.303	35

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division; z — clinched conference.

Wednesday's results

Milwaukee 95 Oklahoma City 89
New York 98 Atlanta 92
Brooklyn 103 Detroit 99
Chicago 95 Washington 92
Philadelphia at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Charlotte 105 Cleveland 98
Denver 118 Phoenix 98
Memphis 86 Utah 70
Minnesota 108 San Antonio 95
Toronto 114 Boston 90
Miami 105 Orlando 93
Dallas 99 New Orleans 87
Golden State at Portland
Houston at L.A. Lakers
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento
End of Regular Season

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
y-Pittsburgh	43	33	10	0	0	147	106	66
dx-Boston	42	26	11	2	3	118	94	57
d-Washington	43	24	17	2	0	134	119	50
x-Montreal	43	26	12	3	2	135	113	57
Toronto	43	24	14	0	5	131	118	53
Ottawa	42	22	14	2	4	104	91	50
NY Islanders	43	22	16	4	1	124	124	49
NY Rangers	42	22	16	0	4	104	98	48
Winnipeg	43	22	19	0	2	113	126	46
Buffalo	44	19	19	2	4	114	130	44
New Jersey	42	15	17	3	7	96	115	40
Philadelphia	43	18	22	1	2	117	133	39
Tampa Bay	43	17	22	1	3	136	135	38
Carolina	42	17	23	1	1	109	134	36
Florida	42	13	23	5	1	101	147	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
y-Chicago	42	33	5	0	4	139	87	70
dx-Anaheim	42	27	10	2	3	125	105	59
d-Vancouver	43	24	12	1	6	118	104	55
Los Angeles	43	24	14	1	4	122	107	53
San Jose	43	23	13	3	4	109	104	53
Minnesota	43	24	16	1	2	114	109	51
St. Louis	42	24	16	1	1	112	105	50
Detroit	43	20	16	3	4	108	110	47
Columbus	43	20	16	3	4	106	110	47
Dallas	42	21	18	2	1	118	126	45
Phoenix	42	18	17	3	4	110	114	43
Edmonton	42	16	19	4	3	106	120	39
Calgary	43	17	22	1	3	116	147	38
Nashville	44	15	21	2	6	100	123	38
Colorado	43	14	22	5	2	103	135	35

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Wednesday's results

Buffalo 3 Boston 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 6 Montreal 4
Calgary 3 Detroit 2
Columbus at Anaheim

Thursday's games

All Times Eastern

Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
EAST DIVISION				
Boston	10	4	.714	—
New York	8	5	.615	1 ^{1/2}
Baltimore	7	7	.500	3
Toronto	6	9	.400	4 ^{1/2}
Tampa Bay	5	9	.357	5
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Detroit	8	5	.615	—
Kansas City	8	6	.571	1 ^{1/2}
Chicago	7	8	.467	2
Minnesota	6	7	.462	2
Cleveland	5	8	.385	3
WEST DIVISION				
Oakland	12	4	.750	—
Texas	9	5	.643	2
Seattle	6	9	.400	5 ^{1/2}
Los Angeles	4	10	.286	7
Houston	4	11	.267	7 ^{1/2}

Wednesday's results
Boston 6 Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 7 Toronto 0
N.Y. Yankees 4 Arizona 3
Oakland 7 Houston 5
Tampa Bay 6 Baltimore 2
L.A. Angels at Minnesota (ppd., rain)
Detroit at Seattle

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit (Verlander 2-1) at Seattle (Iwakuma 2-0), 3:40 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 2-0) at Cleveland (McAllister 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 0-1) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 1-1) at Toronto (Dickey 1-2), 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's results
Cincinnati 1 Philadelphia 0 (comp. of susp. gm)
Cincinnati 11 Philadelphia 2
Kansas City 1 Atlanta 0
Miami 8 Washington 2
Milwaukee 4 San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 5 St. Louis 0
N.Y. Mets at Colorado (ppd., snow)
Texas at Chicago Cubs (ppd., rain)
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Keep things in perspective today. Not everything will go your way and you could even suffer a small financial loss but it's no big deal.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

With the Sun about to move into your birth sign you should be looking ahead and planning all the marvelous things you are going to be doing. Don't let other people's negativity hold you back.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be active by nature but over the next few days you should aim to do less and think more. Activity for its own sake, be it physical or mental, is a waste of time, so make sure your aims have meaning.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

How can you make a difference in the world? Give it some thought and a way will occur to you.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Do you want to improve your status and reputation? Then keep your eyes and ears open because you will soon get the chance.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The planets are about to offer you the chance to make a new beginning. First though you need to get rid of all that emotional baggage you have been carrying around. It's time to be who you want to be.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be inclined to make changes to your financial or business affairs today but is that really such a smart idea? With so many things in a state of flux at the moment it may be better to just sit tight.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Your reputation for toughness is well deserved but there is also a softer, more compassionate side to your nature that will be much in evidence today.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Do you see your work as a challenge or a chore? If it's the latter you may need to change direction

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You cannot be bothered with trivial issues or trivial people. There are so many big things going on in the world at the moment and it annoys you that so many don't seem to care.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

With the cosmic emphasis about to switch to the domestic sphere you should focus on the needs of loved ones.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

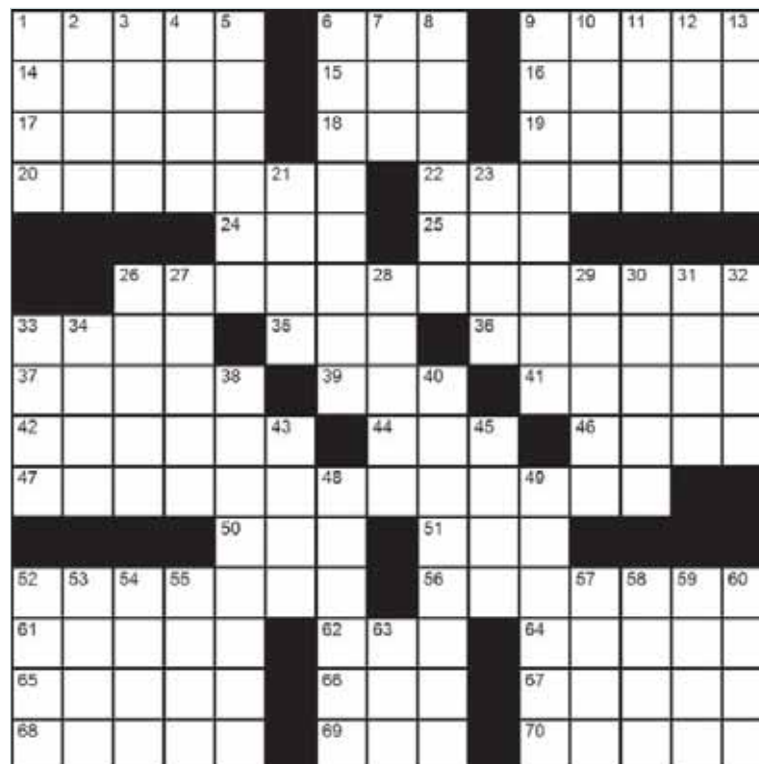
As Pisces is such a sensitive sign you are easily affected by other people's moods, which means you should be rather cheerful today. Everyone around you is in the mood to have fun. Sounds like an excuse for a party.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Juno, for one
6. Haul with difficulty
9. Boast
14. "Extra" host Mr. Lopez
15. 'Comb' suffix (Put together)
16. "___ Majesty's Secret Service (1969)"
17. Spectrum source
18. Half a cheering prop
19. "___ fired!" (Donald Trump's catchphrase)
20. Maritime helicopter of the RCAF: 2 wds.
22. Sir Walter Scott novel about a Saxon knight
24. Naught
25. Henpeck
26. It distinguishes the iconic Lacoste tennis/golf shirt: 2 wds.
33. Moulding style
35. ___-Pekka Salonen (Finnish conductor/composer)
36. Some leathers
37. Keepsake of yore
39. Grads-to-be, briefly
41. Beverly Hills' ___ Drive
42. Sporting spots
44. "Of course."
46. 'Smart' suffix (Brains)
47. Justin Trudeau's gig: 2 wds.



50. Fizzle out
51. Roman Numeral for 551
52. Bring in illegally
56. Driving and piano
61. Filmmaker, Frank ___
62. Tiny

64. Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955)
65. Warning device
66. '___' for Alberta
67. "Farewell, mon ami!"
68. Length unit

69. Salutes from Rocky
70. Tennis great, Ivan ___

Down

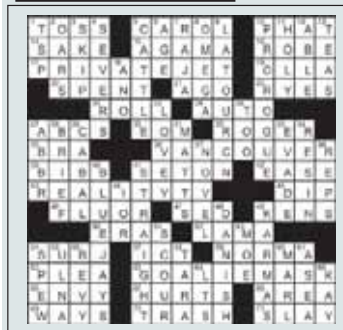
1. Hookups for Mr. Hendrix

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

9. Goods transporting job in early Canada
10. Auth. unknown
11. "Nope."
12. Detective created by mystery writer Rex Stout, ___ Wolfe
13. Branches-and-roots grower
21. Kind
23. Mr. Kilmer's, for short
26. Famous person, for short
27. Marie Antoinette, par exemple
28. Actress Ms. Hannah
29. Sierra ___
30. More peculiar
31. "Well, well, wells."
32. Bears: Spanish
33. Viva voce
34. Ginger Spice aka ___ Halliwell
38. Poker: 2 wds.
40. Like some grapes
43. Cruise
45. Garage ___
48. Allowance
49. Dreary
52. Defraud
53. Female's opposite
54. ___ the crack of dawn: 2 wds.
55. Fido is furious!
57. Show allegiance
58. "Come ___!" = "Welcome!": 2 wds.
59. Call for
60. Collective ___ (Rock band)
63. Farm song vowels

Yesterday's Crossword

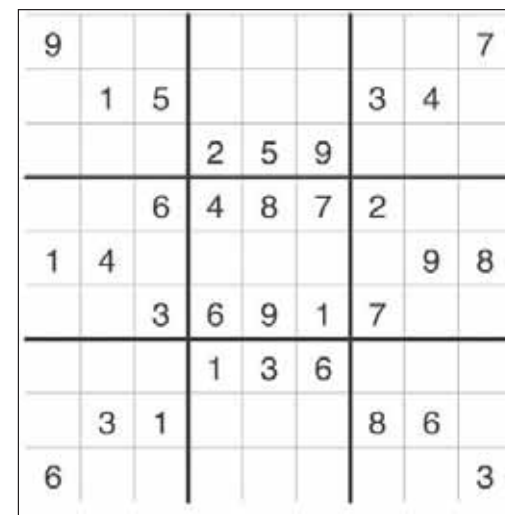


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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